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Police ID victim in fatal shooting in Columbia Mall parking lot
Investigators offer reward up to $5,000

Howard County police are investigating a shooting in the parking lot at the Mall in Columbia Dec. 4 that left a local man dead. Anthony Patterson, 20, of Owings Mills, was shot and killed around 10:23 p.m. in the parking area in front of the Main Event entertainment venue.

Through preliminary investigation, police believe Patterson and the unknown shooter had a verbal altercation prior to the shooting. At this stage, there are no indications that Patterson knew the suspect before the incident.

Witnesses reported hearing multiple gunshots at the scene. Police have confirmed that no one else was injured.

Detectives believe the suspect quickly fled the scene and there was no ongoing threat to people in the area. They have not identified the suspect and are offering a reward of up to $5,000 for information in the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact police at 410-313-STOP or HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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